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Subject:

September Newsletter: Pumpkins, tomatoes, Food Biz Lab, NH Farm to School month &

more!



Building a Robust, Sustainable, and Equitable Local Food System

September is a fantastic time on local farms. You can still find peaches, tomatoes, and corn, returning spinach and leeks, pumpkins, brussels sprouts, parsnips, and winter squash! Now is the time to stock up at local farm stands, farmers market, and certain grocery stores. <u>Find out where they're located!</u> Or scroll down...

Growing and Maintaining your Garden!

"Winter Rest for Your Garden & Landscape" workshop presented by Michele Chalice, Environmental Landscaper, sponsored by the Monadnock Food Coop. (under "Individuals" below). Check out our website, "Food & Gardens for a Resilient Monadnock" for an extensive list of "how to" resources, and connect and learn from others' experience at our Facebook group, "Gardening Connections in the Monadnock Region".

SNAP/EBT Double your Purchasing Power or get 50% off Fruits and Veggies

- If you receive SNAP benefits, you can DOUBLE your fruit and vegetable purchases at farm stands, farmers' markets, and grocery stores! <u>Find out</u> <u>where.</u>
- Want to know if you're eligible for SNAP? SENIORS did you know you might be eligible for SNAP/EBT too? <u>Find out now.</u>
- Need help feeding yourself or your family? <u>Find out where to go to get charitable food</u>.
- Get 50% off fruit and veggie purchases thanks to the <u>Double Up Food</u>
 <u>Bucks program</u> at the Monadnock Food Coop (for SNAP/EBT participants)

• Don't feel comfortable cooking fresh food? Free, virtual cooking classes available! **Find out more.**

Spotlights of the Month:

Are you passionate about a food business idea? Motivated to breakthrough obstacles to start your food business? Hannah Grimes' new program, the <u>Food Biz Lab</u> can help you build a profitable business in their new incubator program. Scroll down to "For Individuals" below.

Reading of the month: The Monadnock Region Food Access Analysis (MRFAA) report is completed and ready to be digested. The MRFAA is a comprehensive gaps and assets analysis in children's and families' food security programs. The goal of the report is to increase the connection between people facing food insecurity and access to affordable, fresh, healthy food. It is available to download here.

To register or find out more information about the "2021 Monadnock Region Food Access Analysis" virtual community forum on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, go here.

<u>Radically Rural</u>, September 22 & 23, 2021, builds sustainability and success for rural life and places by building a network that connects people to each other and to new ideas.

Land & Community Tracks:

- Refuge in Rural
- Exploring Nature, Renewing Communities
- Native Tribes Lead on Environmental Stewardship

Register today!

<u>Harvest Festival</u>, October 3, 2021, 10am - 4pm, at Stonewall Farm. Farm to Fork Festival featuring farmers, brewers, wineries, music, and cooking demos, culminating with a Farm to Table Dinner.

Available jobs within the NH Food System can be found here.

Farmers Markets

Chesterfield Farmers Market, Sat: 9am - 12pm, in front of Town Hall, Rte. 63, 1.5 from Rte 9.

Farmers Market of Keene, Tues: 3pm - 6pm, Sat: 9am - 1pm (Gilbo Ave): Hinsdale Farmers Market,



Sun: 9am - 2pm (Millstream Park);

Milford Farmers Market, Sat:

10am - 1pm (300 Elm);

Peterborough Farmers Market,

Wed: 3pm - 6pm (Elm St);

Rindge Farmers & Crafters,

Thurs: 3pm-6pm (W. Rindge

Common Park); TEAM Jaffrey

Community Farmers Market, Fri:

3pm - 6pm: Wilton Farmers

Market, Tues: 3pm - 6pm;

Winchester Farmers Market

(Accepts SNAP), Sat: 9am - 1pm

(Town Hall)

Farm Stands

Archway Farm

183 Arch St., Keene Pork products, beef, lamb, milk, condiments, Beni's Bread, Faber Family syrup, Terra Nova Coffee & more!

Cheshire Gardens

277 Burt Hill Rd., Winchester Flowers, herbs, vegetables, blackberries, pies, small cakes, fruit preserves and fruity pops!

Coll's Farm

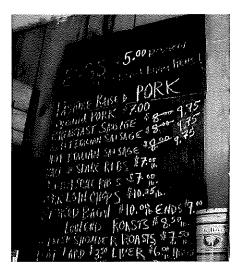
63 North St., Jaffrey Organic and conventional produce, garden center, florist.

Green Wagon Farm

Court Street, Keene Small scale produce - greens, tomatoes, melons, squash, green beans, corn & more. Cut flower farm.

Manning Hill Farm





79 Old Manning Hill Rd., Winchester, NH Cow milk soaps & lotions by Holland Homestead, Cheshire Gardens preserves & mustards, Echo Farm puddings, beef, lamb, milk, syrup, honey & more!

Mayfair Farm

31 Clymers Dr., Harrisville
Online ordering and pick up only!
Farm stand is not open to public.
Fresh prepared gourmet foods (the best quiche ever!) lamb, pork products, soups, cocktails, flowers, greens, groceries & more

NEWI Partners Garden

49 Henderson Rd., Nelson Organic greens, summer veggies, eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs/medicinals, flowers. Saturdays: 10am - 2pm

Stonewall Farm

242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene Frozen, prepared meals, Frisky Cow Gelato, yogurt, milk, a variety of gourmet food & more. Featuring heat & serve Indian Food from Shree's Kitchen on Friday nights!

Tippin Rock Farm

227 Swanzey Lake Rd. Swanzey Small farm offers vegetables, flowers, maple syrup & morel

Tracie's Community Farm

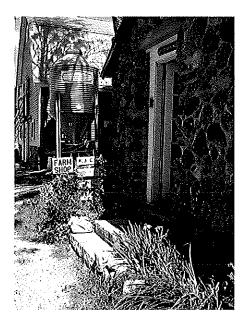
72 Jaffrey Rd., Fitzwilliam
The store is fully stocked! Come
grab some veggies, eggs, meat,
bread, cheese, pudding & more!

Whitakers Homestead & Greenhouse

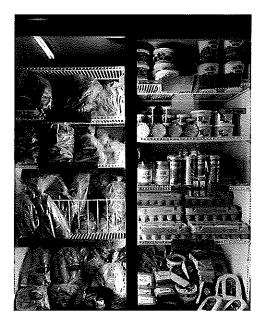
236 Forest Rd., Alstead Fresh flowers, lettuce, greens, peppers, tomatoes, squashes,





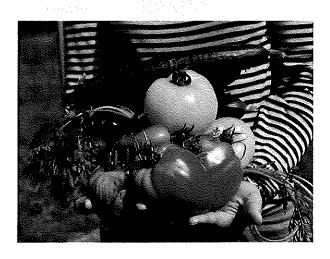


melons, okra, broccoli, beets, radishes, onions, eggplant, cucumbers, blueberries, strawberries, apples, peaches, corn, and much more for produce, herbs, veggie starts, flower starts, hanging baskets, oval planters, and memorial pots. We will also have local products, maple syrup, honey, maple candy, soda, honey sticks, cheeses, eggs, and much more here in the Farm Store.





CSA sign ups



FALL CSA'S AVAILABLE Abenaki Springs (Walpole) Cornucopia Project Fall CSA & Thanksgiving Box sign up, (Peterborough) Foggy Hill Farm (organic, Rindge) Hemenway Farms, (Charlestown), Hillside Springs CSA (organic, Westmoreland), Holland Farm, (Milford), Hungry Bear Farm (organic, Mason), Picadilly Farm (organic, Winchester), Stonewall Farm (organic, Keene), Sun Moon Farm (Rindge), Tracie's **Community Farm** (Fitzwillliam) **AVAILABLE, Village Roots** Pastured Meat & Greens, (Alstead) AVAILABLE

Monthly Updates

For Children/Teens

Friday Community Night at Stonewall Farm extended to

December!

Fridays: 4pm - 7pm Food trucks, music, Yahso Jamaican Grille, breads, donuts from Nordshire Farm, Monadnock Oil and Vinegar and more vendors!

Join the NH Great Apple Crunch Photo Contest! Share a picture of yourself crunching into an apple on October 7, 2021, to celebrate NH Farm to School Month. #NHGreatAppleCrunch2021





For Individuals:

Winter Rest for Your Garden & Landscape workshop

Simple steps this fall to create an easier, more productive next year's garden and landscape. You will learn about providing winter pollinator habitat, what to leave as food sources for songbirds and wildlife, winter mulching for healthier soil and fewer weeds as well as steps to take for less watering next year. Presenter: Michele Chalice, Environmental Landscape Designer, sponsored by the Monadnock Food Coop.



Join Community Garden Connections on Wednesdays from 4:00-

6:00pm for garden work parties!

The Westmoreland Garden Project is located at 203 River Road, in Westmoreland, NH.

Please bring enough water for you, and optional hat, work gloves, and bug spray.

Feeding the Family Series NOFA - NH

Are you tending a garden for the first time, or have you been growing for many years now? NOFA-NH's "Feeding the Family" Organic Gardening Workshop Series with organic farmer **Ron Christie** offers tips for new and experienced gardeners seeking to feed themselves and their families.

Learn about garden planning, healthy soils, pests and diseases, container gardening, building raised beds

October 5 - Instruction and Q & A Discussion Individual class registration

Growing Well Workshops The Cornucopia Project Storing Vous Hamsont 0/2/

Storing Your Harvest, 9/24

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15 INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOPS, TUESDAYS 6:00-8:00 PM February 23 • March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • April 6, 13, 20, 27 • June 8 • July 13 • August 10 • September 7 • October 5





 Native Tribes Lead on **Environmental Stewardship** Register today!

Source to Sea Clean Up

Sept 24-26, 2021 Monadnock region residents will get their hands dirty to make our rivers clean September 24th-26th, 2021, as part of the 25th annual Connecticut River Conservancy's Source to Sea Cleanup, a four state community event to cleanup of the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Register or find out

Food & Gardens For a Resilient **Monadnock**

New website for garden education and tools, and where to find charitable food (food access)

For Farmers & **Producers:**

more here.

Get your applications ready for NRCS Fiscal Year 2022. Did you know that the USDA's 'Fiscal New Year' is only one month away? **More Information Here!**

Monadnock Table Magazine will write a feature story on your farm for FREE! Story will be featured in one of their upcoming editions. Email Marcia Passos-Duffy now! Please help us, help YOU market your farms!

Farm Rental Equipment available at Cheshire Co. Conservation District.





The 25th Annual 2021 Source to Sea River Clean Up

September 24-25th & September 26th 9:00am-1:00pml Get outside! Get your hands dirty to make our rivers cleani



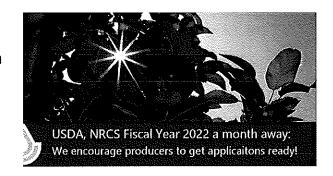
Keene: Friday: Ashuelot River Park Saturday: Ashuelot River Martel Court (Boaters Only) Saturday: Beaver Brook on Water St.

Swanzeyi Saturdayi Ashuefol River at Cresson Bridge on Sawyer's Crossing Rd. (Boaters Only)

Winchesteri Sunday: Meet at Town Hall

For More Information and to cheshireconservation.org/s2s A PROGRAM OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER CONSERVANCY

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Skidder Bridge Auction Open until October 31st Bid here!

Want to find farm land to lease or purchase? Need to retire from farming and could use help? Have land you want to make available for farming? Contact Land For Good.

For Teachers:

Get the NH Farm to School month Toolkit!

Throughout October, NH Farm to School will be hosting New Hampshire's Farm to School Month festivities. Join us and other schools across the state in recognizing the importance of farm to school through activities, lesson plans, good local food, and fun! **Download it here.**

Fall Classroom Garden Kits are available to Monadnock teachers at the Cornucopia Project. To give a kit to a classroom or receive more information, go <u>here.</u>

From Screen to Green Webinar Series for Children

Join New Hampshire Environment Educators and the NH Schoolyard Habitat Grant Partnership for their Screen to Green webinar series for educators. Watch the full series below or check out each individual video.

"Demonstration Pollinator Garden Virtual Tour Webinar" -Watch Here!



NH Farm to School Month October







"Screen to Green Virtual Sampler"

Watch here!

Designing an Outdoor Classroom by Marilyn Wyzga -Watch here!

Safe, Happy, Healthy Outdoor Learning

Watch here! Watch the full series!

New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom has

opened ordering for educators to select from a variety of curriculum kits, from books to educational crafts. Order today! LEARN MORE & ORDER >>

Join the Monadnock Farm to School Network Facebook Group





Getting Local on All Plates!

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Granite State Market Match (GSMM) helps SNAP customers **DOUBLE** vegetable and fruit purchases

Shop with your SNAP/EBT at the following locations to double your dollars! 50% CSA shares with SNAP at Picadilly Farm!



Monadnock Farm to School Network @ Public group - 28 members

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Learn more about GSMM

50% off veggies and fruit at Green Wagon Farm (on Court St., Keene between the 7/11 gas station and Savings Bank of Walpole) with your EBT card! EBT accepted and offering Granite State Market Match.

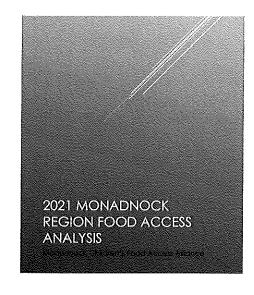
Cooking Matters Workshop September 23 - Drink to Your Health

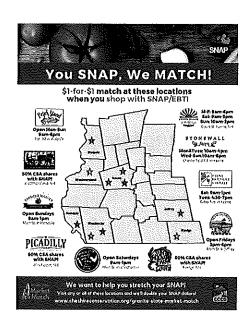
Learn to Eat Healthier on a Budget! Thursdays on zoom - mornings, 10am -11am or evenings, 5:30pm -6:30pm. Free, online classes. To register, email christine.parshall@unh.edu

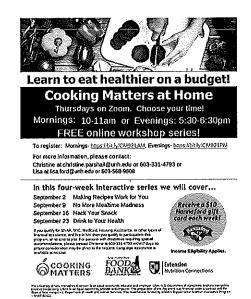
Charitable Food

Newest information on locations and delivery times for **charitable food** can be found at: Food & Gardens for a Resilient Monadnock website.

FOOD & GARDENS FOR A RESILIENT MONADNOCK







How do we build a viable food system assuring food security for future generations?

By bringing our members together regularly in work groups and quarterly forums.

2021 Forums

"2021 Monadnock Region Food Access Analysis" Community Forum, Tuesday, October, 19, 2021, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Find out more information and register <u>here.</u>

2021 NH Agricultural Policy forum - November 9, 2021 - mark your calendars!



Events

Radically Rural

Sept 22 - 23, 2021 builds sustainability and success for rural life and places by building a network that connects people to each other and to new ideas. The annual Radically Rural Summit is divided into five different program tracks that feature topics offering strategic opportunities for transformation in rural communities. Land & Community Tracks:

- Refuge in Rural
- Exploring Nature, Renewing Communities
- Native Tribes Lead on Environmental Stewardship

Register today!

Harvest Festival

October 3, 2021

This year we will be hosting our first Farm to Fork Festival featuring farmers, brewers, wineries, music, and cooking demos. The ultimate in local food and farming scene. The day's festivities will culminate with a Farm to Table Dinner! Stay tuned for details! Are you a farmer, chef or vendor interested in participating, contact us!

Ndakinna maanawaka ahki: 32nd **Annual Celebration**

Saturday, September 22, 9am -11am Peterborough Town Hall Chief Paul "Gwilawato" Bunnell, who represents the Ko'asek (Co'wasuck) Traditional Band of the Sovereign Abenaki Nation, will touch on Native American history in this region and share about a dream to build a conservation and



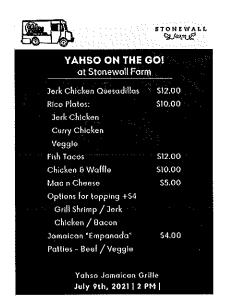


nature preserve for tribal members and the public. Read more about it. Sponsored by the Monadnock Conservancy

Stonewall Farm Community Nights!

Fridays, 4pm - 7pm, extended to December Local craft beers, Yahso Jamaican Grille, breads, donuts from Nordshire Farm, Monadnock Oil and Vinegar and more vendors!





Communications

NEW! MFCC's Food & Gardens for a Resilient Monadnock website



Do you need help with your garden? Our new website,

provides EVERYTHING you might need to know!

- Get the Stuff you need to plant a garden -- Seeds, raised bed kits, community garden plots, discounts on garden supplies, tools & more!
- Learn the Things -- Links to UNH Extension Master Gardeners, Soil Testing, Planning a Family Garden, Companion Planting, Guides to Building Raised Beds, Indoor Gardening, Composting & more!
- Educational Resources -online gardening networks around the region & state, recommended books, blogs, local experts & more!
- Other -- Care & Maintenance, Storing & Preserving, Putting Garden to Bed & more!

Join our private Facebook group,
"Gardening Connections in the
Monadnock Region" -- members
connect with local experts and each
other about lessons learned, ideas,
tools, & more!







Did you know if everyone spent \$5 a week on local food, we would add \$338 million to New Hampshire's economy? Join the \$5/wk movement!

Other GREAT PLACES to buy local!

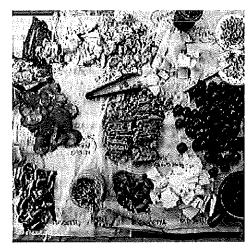
CC&D'S Kitchen

79 North Street, Keene Tues - Thurs 11am - 6pm Thursday - Full BBQ menu VOTED BEST BBQ IN AREA! Sandwiches, soups, desserts, catering & more!



21 Carpenter Rd., Surry, NH 5.9 mi north on 12A from Court St./Maple roundabout







Hannah Grimes Marketplace

42 Main Street, Keene Over 250 local artisans! Gift baskets, gourmet food, glassware, ornaments, skin products, syrup, honey, cheese, crafts, toys, puzzles, & more!

The Local Crowd Monadnock

Local products online! Gift certificates for massage & yoga,



original paintings, candles, ornaments, fiber arts, toys, & more!

Featured photo: Hand painted knitting needle tops from Harrisville Designs!



PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR MONADNOCK LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM ASSURING FOOD SECURITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition is a coalition of 140+ member organizations and individual members who come together regularly to build a robust, sustainable, and equitable local food system in the Monadnock Region of Southwestern NH.

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